

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

February 24, 2011

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on February 17, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending February 23, 2011 in the amount of \$ 248,401.84 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of February 17 – February 23, 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 24 – February 22, 2011
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from January 1 – January 31, 2011
- Report from the Zoning Board of Appeals from February 22, 2011

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$1,692,196.07 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF DEREK ROSENBAUM TO THE POSITION OF ASSESSOR EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011, TO COMPLETE THE OPEN SIX YEAR ASSESSOR TERM THAT ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013. THE POSITION IS SET AT RANGE 5, STEP 6 OF THE MANAGERIAL SALARY SCHEDULE WITH THE STANDARD 52 WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves continuing the contract with ELMORE SPCA, INC. for Animal Shelter Services for 2011 for the sum of \$10,868.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from December 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 in the total amount of \$701.27. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .05%.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to advertise for sealed bid for PMLD BID NO. 2011-3-1 "Electric Power Distribution Transformers." Bid Opening Date: March 31, 2011 at 11:00 am.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from the Plattsburgh Farmers and Crafters Market group to manage the Farmers Market for the 2011 market season from May 14- October 8, 2011.
2. Request from the City Chamberlain to create the capital project 2011 Public Service Equipment Replacement Project (H5110.32) to facilitate the purchase of the equipment approved in the capital plan from the 2011 Adopted Budget.

Councilor Rabideau said I would like to mention for next week's resolution that the Public Service Equipment Replacement project involves a Pumper Fire Truck, Refuge Packer Truck, Heavy Duty Dump Truck, Pick up Truck, Asphalt heater trailer and a Stake Rack Truck. Those are the items that are listed for next week for the record and for the people watching that they would know what we are talking about for initial consideration.

Mayor Kasprzak said thank you George and those items were in the budgets in October and then the Council's budget on the second Thursday in January. Also, the sooner we do these types of things it gives our City Chamberlain some time to go out and work with our department heads to bid these items. Many times because of issues with long term scheduling problems with certain equipment it takes us a long time to get these things in and sometimes there is a season for the use of them so the quicker we can do it the better we all are and we can utilize these things in our vehicle fleets. So it's a good thing that we're going to move this next week then the department heads can start working with the people. Although, I think they probably already have, the vendor's, to start getting these things here which is important for our employees.

3. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to attend the "MEUA North America Reliability

Corporation (NERC)/Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC) Survey meeting” in East Syracuse, NY from March 9 – 10, 2011 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$235.00.

Councilor Jackson said we are very close to the final closing of the Akey Landfill. There is going to be a resolution on for initial next week, I wanted to give you guys a heads up. Richard and Jon at my request are working together to figure out the best way to finance the final piece to this which is very small compared to what the outstanding claims are. When we created the capital project it was created for \$5.3 million. It looks like this thing is going to come in at about \$4.9 million. \$2.3 million of that is the ARRA money. We’re trying to figure out the best way either to bond or to pay up front the last \$152,000. The agreement that’s been struck is going to probably move pretty quickly so I wanted to give you guys a heads up now. You are going to be getting stuff either tomorrow or early next week. It will be on for initial next week and I will probably ask to move it under rule 4.

Councilor Calnon said why don’t you just put it on for initial now.

Councilor Jackson added #4 for Initial Consideration:

4. Request from Richard Marks City Chamberlain and Jon Ruff Environmental Manager for final dispensation of expenses for Akey Landfill.

Corporation Counsel John Clute said are there any unresolved issues with contractors, change orders.

Councilor Jackson said no that all got settled last Friday. But we’re actually going to go back to ARRA people and see if they’ll give us half of the \$152,000 if they say no then we’re doing a worse case kind of thing.

Corporation Counsel John Clute said if you are talking to them again tell them to check with me I would like to see how the understanding is work on this job and being finalized. We know that it is final we’re not coming back to it.

Councilor Calnon said I think you are right. There needs to be an agreement that closed is closed.

Mayor Kasprzak said just so the public and the two new Councilors are aware. This was a project, the Akey Landfill, that was closed in the 70’s and then of course rules changed and now we have to redo things. People haven’t wanted to deal with it our Council dealt with it. We received some great funding from Governor Paterson on this \$2 million plus to help us with it. One of the challenges was when they started doing the work there; there were several, several, several acres worth of things we didn’t know were there and we had to deal with them. SO the bottom line is we dealt with it and there are some costs associated with it and now as John had alluded to we want to close this. We need to have closure on this for all the right reasons and the job is basically done from their perspective. It’s a great project that no one really wanted to do and we took care of it as a group. That’s not anything exciting to people in the public but these are the things like new water tanks that we have to do and we’re mandated to do with their funding and we decided to take the difficult decision making to do it.

Councilor Tiffer added #5 for Initial Consideration:

5. Request from Everyday Earth Day Committee to use the Farmers Market on April 16, 2011 from 9 am – 6 pm to celebrate Earth Day week.

Councilor Carpenter asked if Sarah Cronk from the Earthday committee could take a few minutes and explain to us what you've got planned.

Sarah Cronk said this is our third year and we are pretty much sticking to what we have done. A lot of kid events, some music, trying to get people to do some reskilling like can and making your own butter and trying to get people to be more aware of what's happening. So we are in our third year of doing this. I am trying to get Nissan to bring their new car here on there tour so we will see how that goes.

Councilor Jackson said last year did we coordinate the city clean up day with Earth day.

Sarah Cronk said that was another thing we weren't sure since I know Amy always does that. Last year she just sort of let us take it over I think she was tired of it. So we are definitely hoping to do that again.

Councilor Jackson said if you're willing.

Sarah Cronk said last year we worked with the colleges and about 100 students came down and picked up trash.

Councilor Jackson said Michael do we still have the bags and gloves and pickers.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi said yes we do.

Sarah Cronk said we work with colleges for change and she's been a lot of help getting us involved with the students and she kind of provides them with a lot of stuff too.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Carpenter said I went to the Library Board meeting Tuesday and they put in everyone's packet a little graph of there budget so far and they wanted me to point out as of the 22nd of February there's been a usage of 16% of their budget. Somewhere it had been bandied about that it was in the 30's, personally I didn't hear that, but they wanted me to point that out to the council that they're at about 16% of their budget right now.

Mayor Kasprzak said we will be having an MLD Meeting right after this.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:44 pm